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Restoration Committee hosts Baum to testimonial dinner

The meeting of the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall that will take place this Thursday night will be a testimonial dinner in honor of David J. Baum, an important figure in the historical preservation movement in Carbondale. The dinner will be held at the Hotel Chellino and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Reservations for this dinner, at $13.50 per person, can be made by contacting today either Joseph Pascoe (282-4234) or Nan Loftus (282-2361).

It is David Baum who, in an editorial in The Carbondale NEWS asked: "Wouldn't it be nice if it (Carbondale City Hall) was restored to its former beauty and was a credit to the city, instead of an eyesore?" In response to that editorial, S. Robert Powell, Carbondale, proposed to David Baum that a restoration committee be formed in Carbondale. On November 6, 1981, Baum and Powell met and formed the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall.

It is this committee which, in January of this year, had the tower clock of Carbondale City Hall repaired, and which is presently soliciting bids for roof and masonry repairs, cleaning and repointing of Carbondale City Hall. During the Fourth Annual Pioneer Days, August 23-28, 1982, the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall will, in addition, sponsor a series of educational and historical activities in Carbondale and in Carbondale City Hall.

The Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall Inc. is a non-profit organization that was formed for four reasons: (1) to restore Carbondale City Hall; (2) to preserve and restore all those building in Carbondale and the surroundng area that are significant in local history and culture and which, collectively, constitute our irreplacable cultural and architectural inheritance; (3) to perpetuate, promote and impart a knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the history of Carbondale and the surrounding area to the community as a whole; and (4) to put the history of Carbondale (its buildings, its traditions, its culture) to work in the service of the present and of the future for the betterment of the entire community.

To become a member of the committee, fill out a membership application black at the Carbondale Public Library, or write for one to the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall Inc., P.O. Box 151, Carbondale.